

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of inputting letters in a wireless terminal comprising steps of:

- a) sequentially typing in only the first letter and last letters and then the last letter of a word to be input, and pressing a function key;
- b) recognizing as the last letter of the word to be input a letter typed-in prior to pressing the function key;
- c) from a word repository, retrieving words having the same first and last letters as the typed-in first and last ones and displaying the retrieved words on a display device; and
- d) selecting a desired word from the displayed words, and converting the typed in first and last letters into the selected word,
wherein, in step c), a word to be retrieved has more than 6 letters;
wherein a cursor moves in front of the last letter so as to enable an additional letter to be input; and
wherein the retrieved word is displayed in a sequence of higher retrieval frequency.

2-18. (Cancelled).

19. (New) A method of searching for words stored in a memory of a handheld device, said method comprising:

- a) inputting the first letter of a word to be searched;
- b) immediately after step a), inputting the last letter of the word to be searched with no intermediate letters being input;
- c) searching for words in the memory having the first and last letters input in steps a) and b); and
- d) displaying at least one word in the memory having said first and last letters.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the words searched in step c) contain more than six letters.

21. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the device has a cursor, and wherein the method further comprises:

- pressing a function key after step b);
- moving the cursor immediately in front of the last letter input in step b);
- and
- entering further letters of the words to be searched.

22. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein words in step d) are displayed in a sequence beginning with a word having the highest retrievable frequency.

23. (New) A method of searching for words stored in a memory in a wireless terminal, said method comprising:

- a) inputting a first letter of a word to be searched;
- b) immediately after step a) inputting a last letter of the word to be searched without any intermediate letters being input;
- c) searching for words stored in a memory with at least six letters and which match the first and last letters input in steps a) and b);
- d) displaying words identified in step c) in a sequence of a predetermined order.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein said predetermined order is a listing of words beginning with a word having the highest retrievable frequency.

25. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the device has a cursor, and wherein the method further comprises:

- pressing a function key after step b);
 - moving the cursor immediately in front of the last letter input in step b);
- and
- entering further letters of the words to be searched.